Literature Circle Roles and Responsibilities

WORD FINDER

Your job is to look for special words in the section. You should look for words that are:

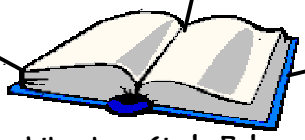
*new
*important
*interesting
*funny
*different
*hard
*strange

DISCUSSION DIRECTOR

Your job is to create a list of questions that your group might want to discuss about this part of the book. Don't worry about details. Your task is to help people talk over the BIG IDEAS in the reading and share their reactions. Usually the best discussion questions come from your own thoughts, feelings, and concerns as you read. Remember that your questions should have answers that cannot be found in the book.

CORRESPONDENT

Your job is to write a friendly letter to one of the major characters in the section of the book that you are reading. You can write the letter as yourself or as another character in the book.



ILLUSTRATOR

Your job is to provide an illustration for the section of the book your group is reading. You can do this in one of two ways. First, you can draw a specific moment from the story. This is a "snapshot" of a funny, scary, emotional, or interesting point in the selection. Secondly, you can choose to do what is call "Travel Tracer". This is done by drawing many smaller pictures that show the different settings of the selection you read (kind of like a comic strip.) Travel Tracer focuses each picture on the settings throughout the section and shows how the setting influenced or changed the story. Whether you choose to draw a snapshot or do Travel Tracer, *be sure you draw in detail and color all your work.*

CONNECTOR

Your job is to find connections between the section your group is reading and the outside world. This means connecting the reading to your own life, to happenings at school or in the community, to similar events at other times and places, or to other people or problems that you are reminded of. You might also see connections between this section andother books you have read. There are no wrong answers - whatever the reading connects you with is worth sharing.